GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2330
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2004
UNUSED SALT FIELDS
Kamat Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of acres of salt lands where no salt is being manufactured lying vacant ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the time period since these lands are lying unutilized and the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether there has been any agreement recently with regard to equal sharing of unutilized land between State and Central Governments ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Salt lands admeasuring approximately 10,927 acres have been rendered not fit for salt cultivation due to various reasons. The details of such lands are as under :-

S.NO.	STATE	ACRES
1.	Maharashtra	4455#
2.	Tamil Nadu	4176##
3.	Andhra Pradesh	2125
4.	Orissa	155
5.	Gujarat	16
	Total	10927

The said land forms part of 5379 acres of salt land in Mumbai ordered for transfer to Ministry of Urban Development to be utilized for overall development in the public interest.

The said land forms part of land ordered for transfer to Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), through the State Government of Tamil Nadu for establishing a Petro-chemical Industrial Park at Chennai. Some parts of land are identified for transfer to Ennore Port Trust.